

Later, the Chair appointed the following conferees: Representatives Spratt, DeLauro, Edwards, Ryan (WI), and Barrett (SC). **Page H3857**

**Consumer Product Safety Modernization Act—Motion to go to Conference:** The House disagreed to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 4040, to establish consumer product safety standards and other safety requirements for children's products and to reauthorize and modernize the Consumer Product Safety Commission, and agreed to a conference.

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Agreed to the Whitfield (KY) motion to instruct conferees on the bill by a yea-and-nay vote of 405 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 320.

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Later, the Chair appointed the following conferees: Representatives Dingell, Waxman, Rush, DeGette, Schakowsky, Barton (TX), Whitfield (KY), and Stearns.

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**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to the following measure:

*Supporting the goals and ideals of National Women's Health Week* H. Con. Res. 331, to support the goals and ideals of National Women's Health Week.

**Pages H3858–59**

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H3782.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Twelve yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H3788–89, H3798, H3799, H3799–H3800, H3800, H3821–22, H3822, H3823, H3827, H3828, H3846–47, H3855–56, H3856–57, H3857. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:18 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009

*Committee on Armed Services:* Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 5658, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Education and Labor:* Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 2744, Airline Flight Crew Technical Corrections Act of 2008; and H.R. 5876, Stop Child Abuse in Residential Programs for Teens Act of 2008.

### FDA MEDICAL DEVICE AND COSMETIC SAFETY

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled "Discussion Draft of the 'Food and Drug Administration Globalization Act' Legislation: Device and Cosmetic Safety Provisions." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the FDA, Department of Health and Human Services: Stephen Sundlof, D.V.M., Director, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition; and Lillian Gill, Senior Associate Director, Center for Devices and Radiological Health; Marcia Crosse, Director, Health Care, GAO; and public witnesses.

### GLOBAL FOOD CRISIS

*Committee on Financial Services:* Held a hearing entitled "Contributing Factors and International Responses to the Global Food Crisis." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### LEAD-SAFE HOUSING FOR KIDS ACT; HOMES FOR HEROES ACT

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity approved for full Committee action, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 3397, Lead-Safe Housing for Kids Act of 2007; and H.R. 3329, Homes for Heroes Act of 2007.

### U.S.-CENTRAL AMERICA ANTI-DRUG TRAFFICKING

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 6028, Merida Partnership to Combat Illicit Narcotics and Reduce Violence Authorization Act of 2008.

The Committee also approved a motion urging the Chairman to request that the following resolutions be considered on the Suspension Calendar: H. Res. 1194, Reaffirming the support of the House of Representatives for the legitimate democratically-elected Government of Lebanon under Prime Minister Fouad Siniora; and H. Res. 1195, Expressing the condolences and sympathy to the people of the People's Republic of China for the grave loss of life and vast destruction caused by the massive earthquake centered in Sichuan Province.

### VISIT WAIVER PROGRAM EXPANSION

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Europe held a hearing on Improving America's Security, Strengthening Transatlantic Relations: An Update on the Expansion of the Visa Waiver Program. Testimony was heard from Richard Barth, Assistant Secretary, Office of Policy Development, Department of Homeland Security; and Stephen A. Edson, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Visa Services, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Department of State.

**U.S.-SOUTH ASIA AID**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Middle East and South Asia held a hearing on U.S. Assistance to South Asia: Is there a strategy to go with all that money? Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Richard A. Boucher, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs; and Mark Ward, Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Asia, U.S. Agency for International Development.

**PUBLIC ALERTS/WARNINGS SYSTEMS**

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Emergency Communications, Preparedness, and Response held a hearing entitled "Advancing Public Alert and Warning Systems to Build a More Resilient Nation." Testimony was heard from MG Martha Rainville, USAF (Ret.), Assistant Administrator, National Continuity Programs, FEMA. Department of Homeland Security; Lisa Fowlkes, Deputy Chief, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, FCC; John R. Gibb, Director, Emergency Management Office, State of New York; and a public witness.

**FEDERAL-PRIVATE INFRASTRUCTURE SECURITY**

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Transportation Security and Infrastructure Protection held a hearing entitled "Partnering with the Private Sector to Secure Critical Infrastructure: Has the Department of Homeland Security Abandoned the Resilience-Based Approach?" Testimony was heard from COL Bob Stephan, USAF, Assistant Secretary, Infrastructure Protection, Department of Homeland Security; Kevin Stephens, M.D., Director, Department of Health, New Orleans, Louisiana; and public witnesses.

**ELECTION CONTINGENCY PLANS**

*Committee on House Administration:* Subcommittee on Elections held a hearing on Election Contingency Plans: What Have We Learned and Is America Prepared? Testimony was heard from Rosemary Rodriguez, Chairwoman, U.S. Election Assistance Commission; Laura Beatty, Director of Legislative Affairs, Office of the Secretary of State, Ohio; Dawn K. Roberts, Assistant Secretary of State, Florida; Kevin J. Kennedy, Director, Government Accountability Board, Wisconsin; and Thomas Wilkey, former Executive Director, Board of Elections, State of New York.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 5464, A Child is Missing Alert and Recovery Center Act; H.R. 3480, amended, Let

Our Veterans Rest in Peace Act of 2007; H.R. 5938, Former Vice President Protection Act of 2008; H.R. 4080, amended, To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to establish a separate nonimmigrant classification for fashion models; and private relief bills.

The Committee began markup of the following bills: H.R. 2352, School Safety Enhancements Act of 2007; H.R. 1783, Elder Justice Act; H.R. 5352, Elder Abuse Victims Act of 2008; and H.R. 5057, Debbie Smith Reauthorization Act of 2008.

**FEDERAL JUSTICE SYSTEM SELECTIVE PROSECUTION**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Laws and the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security held a joint hearing on Allegations of Selective Prosecution Part II: The Erosion of Public Confidence in Our Federal Justice System. Testimony was heard from Representative Hodes; and a public witness.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 554, Paleontological Resources Preservation Act; H.R. 3022, Sequoia-Kings Canyon National Park Wilderness Act of 2007; H.R. 2632, Sabinoso Wilderness Act of 2007; H.R. 5680, To amend certain laws relating to Native Americans, and for other purposes; and H.R. 3682, California Desert and Mountain Heritage Act.

**FDA'S DRUG/DEVICE STATE LAWSUIT PRE-EXEMPTION**

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Held a hearing on Should FDA Drug and Medical Device Regulation Bar State Liability Claims? Testimony was heard from David A. Kessler, M.D., former Commissioner, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

**USDA CIVIL RIGHTS PROGRAMS**

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Government Management, Organization, and Procurement held a hearing on Management of Civil Rights Programs at USDA. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Margo McKay, Assistant Secretary, Civil Rights; and Phyllis Fong, Inspector General; Lisa Shames, Director, Agriculture and Food Safety, GAO; and public witnesses.

**PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE SENATE AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2642—SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2008**

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by a record vote of 7 to 2, a rule providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to H.R. 2642, the “Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2008.” The rule would make in order a motion offered by the chairman of the Committee on Appropriations that the House concur in the Senate amendment with each of the three amendments printed in the Rules Committee report.

The rule waives all points of order against the motion except those arising under clause 10 of rule XXI. The motion shall be debatable for two hours equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The Senate amendment and the motion shall be considered as read. The Chair shall divide the question among each of the three House amendments.

Notwithstanding the operation of the previous question, the Chair may postpone consideration of the motion to a time designated by the Speaker. Finally, the rule permits the chairman of the Committee on Appropriations to insert in the Congressional Record dated May 15, 2008, such material as he may deem explanatory of the motion. Testimony was heard from Chairman Obey, Representatives Lee, Waters, Woolsey, Jackson-Lee of Texas, Schakowsky, Lampson, Lewis of California, Culberson, and Shays.

**WATER SUPPLY CHALLENGES**

*Committee on Science and Technology:* Held a hearing on Water Supply Challenges for the 21st Century. Testimony was heard from Roger Pulwarty, Director, U.S. National Integrated Drought Information System and Physical Scientist, Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research Climate Program, NOAA, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

**SMALL HEALTHCARE PROVIDER REGULATIONS**

*Committee on Small Business:* Subcommittee on Regulations, Health Care and Trade held a hearing on the Impact of CMS Regulations and Programs on Small Health Care Providers. Testimony was heard from Timothy B. Hill, Chief Financial Officer, Director, Office of Financial Management, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses,

**AIRLINE CONSOLIDATION/DELTA-NORTHWEST MERGER**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing on Impact of Consolidation on the Aviation Industry, with a Focus

on the Proposed Merger Between Delta Airlines and Northwest Airlines. Testimony was heard from James J. O’Connell, Jr., Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Antitrust Division, Department of Justice; Michael W. Reynolds, Deputy Assistant Department Assistant Secretary, Aviation and International Affairs, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

**AMTRAK REAUTHORIZATION**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials held a hearing on Amtrak Reauthorization. Testimony was heard from Alexander Kummant, President and CEO, National Railroad Passenger Corporation (AMTRAK); Frank Busalacchi, Secretary, Department of Transportation, State of Wisconsin; and public witnesses.

**CONSUMER DRIVEN HEALTH CARE**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on Health Savings Accounts and Consumer Driven Health Care: Cost Containment or Cost-Shift? Testimony was heard from John E. Dicken, Director, Health Care, GAO; and public witnesses.

**BRIEFING—HOT SPOTS**

*House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence met in executive session to receive a briefing on Hot Spots. The Subcommittee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

**ENERGY-EFFICIENT BUILDINGS**

*Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming:* Held a hearing entitled “Building Green, Saving Green: Construction Sustainable and Energy-Efficient Buildings.” Testimony was heard from Gavin Newsom, Mayor, San Francisco, California; and public witnesses.

**REGARDING ROLL CALL VOTE 814**

*Select Committee To Investigate the Voting Irregularities of August 2, 2008:* Concluded hearings regarding Roll Call Vote 814. Testimony was heard from Catlin O’Neill and Jerry Hartz, both with the Office of the Speaker; and Jay Pierson, Office of the Minority Leader.

**Joint Meetings****CREDIT CRISIS**

*Joint Economic Committee:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the credit crisis in the United States, focusing on ways the federal government can prevent unnecessary systemic risks in the future,

after receiving testimony from Paul A. Volcker, former Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; and Douglas W. Elmendorf, Brookings Institution, Ellen Seidman, New America Foundation, and Alex J. Pollock, American Enterprise Institute, all of Washington, D.C.

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## NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D576)

S. 2929, to temporarily extend the programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965. Signed on May 13, 2008. (Public Law 110–230)

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2008

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* business meeting to mark up the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Bill for fiscal year 2008, 2 p.m., SD–106.

*Committee on Armed Services:* business meeting to consider pending military nominations, 2:30 p.m., SR–222.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* business meeting to consider H.R. 634, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of veterans who became disabled for life while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States, S. 1100, to address the regulation of secondary mortgage market enterprises, and an original bill to make technical corrections to Title III of SAFETEA–LU, 10 a.m., SD–538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SR–253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* to hold hearings to examine development of oil shale resources, 1:50 p.m., SD–366.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine United States-China relations in the era of globalization, 2 p.m., SD–419.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine nuclear terrorism, focusing on providing medical care and meeting basic needs in an aftermath, 10 a.m., SD–342.

Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine the organizational structures of the State Department responsible for arms control, counterproliferation, and nonproliferation, focusing on the processes they have in place for optimizing national efforts, and how responsive those structures and processes are to the Executive Branch's nonproliferation and counterproliferation policies, 2 p.m., SD–342.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine S. 1080, to develop a program to acquire interests in land from eligible individuals within the Crow Reservation in the State of Montana, H.R. 2120, to direct the Secretary

of the Interior to proclaim as reservation for the benefit of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians a parcel of land now held in trust by the United States for that Indian tribe, S. 2494, to provide for equitable compensation to the Spokane Tribe of Indians of the Spokane Reservation for the use of tribal land for the production of hydropower by the Grand Coulee Dam, H.R. 2963, to transfer certain land in Riverside County, California, and San Diego County, California, from the Bureau of Land Management to the United States to be held in trust for the Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians, and S. 531, to repeal section 10(f) of Public Law 93–531, commonly known as the “Bennett Freeze”, 9:30 a.m., SD–562.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* business meeting to consider S. 2511, to amend the grant program for law enforcement armor vests to provide for a waiver of or reduction in the matching funds requirement in the case of fiscal hardship, S. 2565, to establish an awards mechanism to honor exceptional acts of bravery in the line of duty by Federal law enforcement officers, H.R. 4056, to establish an awards mechanism to honor Federal law enforcement officers injured in the line of duty, S. 2774, to provide for the appointment of additional Federal circuit and district judges, S. 1738, to establish a Special Counsel for Child Exploitation Prevention and Interdiction within the Office of the Deputy Attorney General, to improve the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, to increase resources for regional computer forensic labs, and to make other improvements to increase the ability of law enforcement agencies to investigate and prosecute predators, S. 2913, to provide a limitation on judicial remedies in copyright infringement cases involving orphan works, S. 2756, to amend the National Child Protection Act of 1993 to establish a permanent background check system, S. 1515, to establish a domestic violence volunteer attorney network to represent domestic violence victims, S. 2942, to authorize funding for the National Advocacy Center, S. 2982, to amend the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act to authorize appropriations, and the nomination of G. Steven Agee, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, 10 a.m., SD–226.

### House

*Committee on Agriculture,* Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management, hearing to review the source of dramatic movements in community markets (agriculture and energy): A change in market fundamentals or influence of institutional investors? 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Subcommittee on Health, hearing on H.R. 5998, Protecting Children's Health Coverage Act of 2008, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “In the Hands of Strangers: Are Nursing Home Safeguards Working?” 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services,* May 14, Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, to consider the following measures: H.R. 3397, Lead-Safe Housing for Kids Act of 2007; and H.R. 3329, Homes for Heroes Act of 2007, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.